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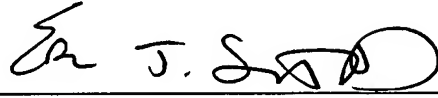
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure, a completed Form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

Consideration of each of the listed references by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Applicant also respectfully requests that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 indicating such consideration be returned with the next Official Action, as set forth in MPEP § 609. Attached hereto are copies of the following references.

U.S. Patent 1,860,998 (J. Drazick)
U.S. Patent 1,938,440 (C.C. Richard)
U.S. Patent 2,662,773 (R.H. Parsons)
U.S. Patent 5,197,368 (Meyer et al.)

By submitting these references, Applicant does not admit that the references are prior art to or material to this application, and reserves the right to establish that any reference is not prior art. Applicant does not represent that the references have been reviewed in detail; there may be details in the references of which Applicant is unaware.

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